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Applicants : Robert J. Winchester, et al.
Serial No. : 09/500,746 Examiner: R. Schwadron
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For : USE OF INHIBITORS OF THE ACTIVATION OF CXCR4
RECEPTOR BY SDF-1 IN TREATING RHEUMATOID
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March 11, 2003

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO SEPTEMBER 11, 2002 OFFICE ACTION
AND PETITION FOR THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

This Amendment is submitted in response to the September 11, 2002 Office Action issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the September 11, 2002 Office Action was originally due December 18, 2002. Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time for responding. The fee for a three-month extension is FOUR HUNDRED AND SIXTY FIVE DOLLARS (\$465.00) for a small entity, and a check for this amount is enclosed herewith. A response is now due March 11, 2003. Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed.

Please amend this application as follows:

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment to the above identified application.

 X Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §1.9 and §1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.

 A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. §1.9 and §1.27 is enclosed.

 X No additional fee is required.

The filing fee is calculated as follows:

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Total Claims	20	-	20	=	0	X	\$9	\$18	=	0	0	
Independent Claims	3	-	3	=	0	X	\$42.00	\$84.00	=	0	0	
Multiple Dependent Claim(s) Presented <u> </u> Yes <u> X </u> No For First Time							\$140	\$280	0	0	0	
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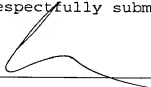
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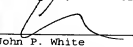
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